

Memorandum



Date: December 13, 2007

Agenda Item No. 1 (H)1
December 18, 2007

To: Honorable Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Joe I. Rasco
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

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Subject: Revised 2008 State Legislative Agenda

RECOMMENDATION

Transmitted herewith is the Miami-Dade County 2008 Revised State Legislative agenda for your approval along with the list of the proposed changes that are already reflected in the revised version as well as the notes from the State Intergovernmental Affairs subcommittee meeting for your consideration.



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA
REVISED**



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PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENTS

Home Rule and Preemption: SUPPORT the preservation of local home rule; and OPPOSE any effort to preempt local authority.

State Funding and Cost Shifts: SUPPORT the preservation of funding for all county programs; and OPPOSE any additional cost shifts from the state to the county, and any reduction in county revenue, revenue sharing, or funding from the state.

Protect Previous State Funding – SUPPORT efforts to secure the same level of state funding for County programs as last year.



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DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS



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DEPARTMENTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS

(alphabetically by department, then prioritized)

AVIATION

Aviation Grant Program – OPPOSE any efforts to reduce the funds in the State's Aviation Grant Program which is currently funded at \$171.3 million. The Work Program is administered from a block grant allocated by formula and does not compete with other Miami-Dade County projects.

BUILDING CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Inactive Permits - SUPPORT legislation that would make state licensed contractors responsible for inactive permits by allowing governmental agencies responsible for code enforcement and building code issues to issue state licensed contractors citations on these inactive permits

Florida Building Code and Product Approval - MONITOR legislation regarding the Statewide Product Approval Process and Florida Building Code.

OFFICE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT (OCI)

Architectural and Engineering Contracts – SUPPORT revising the upper limits for construction cost for the pool of consultants who have entered into a continuing contract for the provision of professional architectural and engineering services

CONSUMER SERVICES

For Hire Transportation Preemption - OPPOSE legislation relating to For Hire Transportation which would impact the County's authority to approve or restrict transfers of taxicab, jitney, limousine, or other passenger vehicle for-hire licenses.

Moving Company Preemption - MONITOR legislation that affects the County's ability to regulate moving companies.

Towing Company Preemption - MONITOR legislation that affects the County's ability to regulate towing companies.

Tour Guides as Sellers of Travel Preemption - SUPPORT legislation that would remove the preemption of County governments from regulating tour guides as a seller of travel, or in the alternative, remove "tour-guide services" from the definition of "sellers of travel" under all sections of Florida Statute 559.

Consumer Services Regulated Industries - MONITOR legislation that affects the following County regulated industries: motor vehicle repair; moving; locksmith; towing; wrecker; motor vehicle title loan; vehicle immobilization; general consumer protection; for-hire transportation vehicles, including taxicabs, limousines and ambulance service.

CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

Arrest Authority for Correctional Officers - SUPPORT legislation that would allow correctional officers limited arrest authority within County jail detention facilities and their surrounding perimeter.

Blue Lights for Correctional Agency Vehicles - SUPPORT legislation that would allow vehicles owned, operated, or leased by the Department of Correction or any County Correctional Agency to show or display blue lights when responding to emergencies.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA)

Ex-Military Facilities in CRA - SUPPORT legislation that would amend the Community Redevelopment Act to modify the criteria for the creation of a CRA in areas that include land previously used as a military facility.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Cultural Affairs Funding - SUPPORT increasing statewide budget allocation for cultural affairs programming, cultural facilities and regional cultural facilities grants through the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs.

ELECTIONS

HAVA Funds - SUPPORT the release of funds awarded to the State of Florida for mandated voting equipment changes through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Early Voting Sites - SUPPORT legislation that would allow the Supervisor of Elections to use any site convenient and accessible for early voting, and includes the required security protocol.

Availability of Early Voting and Hours of Operation - SUPPORT legislation that would allow the Supervisor of Elections to opt out of early voting or modify the hours of operation for elections called by the County that do not contain state or federal races/ballot questions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Generators - SUPPORT legislation that would provide for enforcement and penalties for non-compliance with HB 2171 (2006) with regard to generators at fuel stations and multi-story dwellings.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DERM)

Beach Erosion Control - SUPPORT full funding for Beach Erosion Control to restore eroded segments of shorelines, thus re-establishing storm protection, and recreational and economic benefits in the project site.

FIRE RESCUE

Impersonating Fire Fighters - SUPPORT legislation that would prohibit the impersonation of Fire Fighters with criminal punishment.

Water Wells - SUPPORT legislation that would include funding of water well in the Urban Development Boundary to protect public health or environment.

EMS License fees – SUPPORT a proposed change to State Statute 401.34 that is seeking to increase EMS licensing fees.

HOMELESS TRUST

Sadowski Act Cap Repeal - SUPPORT elimination of the cap on the Sadowski Act Trust Funds for affordable housing.

HOUSING AGENCY

Miami-Dade Doc Stamps – SUPPORT the extension of the Miami-Dade County documentary stamp surtax program that is dedicated to affordable housing.

Public Safety Grants for Public Housing – SUPPORT dedicated funding for public safety grants to law enforcement agencies for public housing security upgrades and enhancements.

HUMAN SERVICES

Subsidized Child Care/School Readiness - SUPPORT funding from the state Agency for Workforce Innovation to allow maintenance of effort and/or enhancement funding for child care/school readiness programs.

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM

Low Income Pool (LIP) - SUPPORT legislation to maintain current levels of funding in the LIP program, distributing funds based on the level of charity care and Medicaid volumes safety net hospitals provide.

Half-Penny Sales Tax Cap - SUPPORT a repeal of the \$5,000 cap of the County Public Hospital 1/2 penny of sales tax, which will raise JHS approximately \$30 million of additional funding.

Medicaid Reform and Managed Care Issues – MONITOR the implementation and transition of Medicaid reform in the pilot counties of Broward, Duval, Nassau, Clay and Baker as it relates to statewide implementation. OPPOSE legislation that would eliminate fee-for-service payments to hospitals and enroll all Medicaid recipients in managed care plans, which would cause a reduction in payments for Jackson as well as limit care and choice to Medicaid recipients.

Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Rates - SUPPORT legislation to reinstate Medicaid provider reimbursement rates to base levels from 2005-06 and to continue funding those programs and services that ensure adequate health access for the poor and needy of the state.

Transplant Issues – SUPPORT the establishment of an equitable Medicaid reimbursement rate for organ transplants.

Trauma Issues - SUPPORT additional state funding for trauma centers.

LIBRARIES

State Aide to Libraries - SUPPORT an increase of \$3.25 million for state aid to libraries.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (OSBM)

Revenue Cap for Expanded Taxing Districts - SUPPORT legislation that ensures taxing districts that expand due to annexation or consolidation do not have their revenues capped at pre-existing levels.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Coastal High Hazard Comp Plan Compliance - SUPPORT legislation for a change of date for local compliance from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009 for the comprehensive plans for the Coastal High-Hazard Area.

POLICE

Predatory Lending - SUPPORT legislation that would identify and define predatory lending and create criminal penalties for violations thereof.

Impersonating Police Officer - SUPPORT legislation that would make falsely personating a police officer a second degree felony or if the commission of a felony results in the death or personal injury of another human being making that charge a first degree.

SEAPORT

Strategic Intermodal System - MONITOR any bills, rules, regulations and statewide policies involving transportation intermodal issues including but not limited to major transportation improvement projects as defined in the State Strategic Intermodal System as it relates to access to and from the Port of Miami.

Sunshine State Loan Program - SUPPORT the Florida Ports Council's efforts in securing dedicated funding sources for Florida seaports through the Sunshine State Loan Program, and continued funding support from other Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funds to assist the Port in its capital improvement projects; including security operations and capital improvements at the Port.

Seaport Security - MONITOR legislation imposing new security mandates on Florida Ports that both positively and negatively effect operations.

SENIOR ADVOCATE

Community Care for the Elderly – SUPPORT additional CCE funding to lead agencies in the community will reduce the County's waiting list of Homecare and Adult Day Care.

Alliance for Aging, Inc. "Aging Resource Center Model" – SUPPORT state funding for the Aging Resource Center in Miami-Dade County.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Renewable Energy - SUPPORT legislation for the preservation and enhancement of existing initiatives that support the production of the "renewable" energy produced at the county's Resources Recovery Facility from the combustion of municipal solid waste.

Enhanced Illegal Dumping Penalties - SUPPORT legislation regarding the Florida Litter Law requiring that the illegal dumping violation should result in the revocation of the driver's license, in addition to the current vehicle seizure provision.

Used Electronics - SUPPORT efforts of DEP for increased regulation of used electronics in the waste stream and to insure that such legislation does not place a disproportionate burden on local government for segregation, collection and recycling and management of this waste stream relative to other responsible parties, such as the state, the electronics manufacturers and retailers, private waste facilities and generators.

Disposal Fee Equity - OPPOSE legislation requiring the Counties provide certain waste management services at no cost or at reduced cost and/or any legislation seeking to regulate user fees charged.

Local Solid Waste Programs Grant Funding - SUPPORT the allocation of waste-related grants in a County by County basis at a level commensurate with the amount of fees paid into the mitigation fund by the residents of each County.

TRANSIT

FDOT New Starts Program – SUPPORT full funding of the New Starts Program of the Florida Department of Transportation to ensure the construction of the Orange Line MetroRail Extension.

WATER AND SEWER

Ocean Outfalls – MONITOR legislation that would require utilities to provide advanced wastewater treatment, such as nutrient removal, prior to discharging through a deep ocean outfall; and OPPOSE any legislation that is not supported by proven scientific data.

Water Resource and Alternative Water Supply Development - SUPPORT legislative action expanding the definition of water resource development to include desalination (including brackish groundwater or surface water) and regional/multi-jurisdictional water facilities; Water conservation or demand side management programming that results in long-term water savings should be defined as an alternative water supply and be eligible for grants under the Alternative Water Supply Grants Program; and OPPOSE any legislation which establishes a statewide Water Commission which redefines the water supply relationship among the State, WMDs and local governments; and Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) oversight of local and regional water utilities.

Alternative Water Supply Funding – SUPPORT legislative and administrative action to support the continuation of partnerships between the State, WMDs and local water utilities to significantly increase the funding of alternative water supply development; increased funding for the alternative water supply development cost-share grant program using dedicated State and WMD funding; which provides an equitable, cost effective distribution of funds among all types of alternative water supply projects (i.e., reservoirs, aquifer storage and recovery, reuse), and desalination (brackish groundwater or surface water, and seawater), regardless of the size of the water utility, that addresses both regional and/or local needs in a cost effective manner; and a reduction in the maximum utility contribution to no more than fifty percent.

Water Governance - OPPOSE legislation that preempts local control over feasibility, reuse, water pricing, and comprehensive planning activities.

Linking Water Supply and Growth - SUPPORT establishment of a base percentage rate for each WMDs budget to fund alternative water supply projects; require WMDs dedicate a percentage of their annual growth in ad valorem tax revenues to these projects; increase State

and WMDs financial support to assist local and regional water utilities with future alternative water supply development.

Water Conservation - SUPPORT legislative action to amend State water law that recognizes that local and regional water utilities have the responsibility and right to establish rates and rate structures for their services; which mandates DEP to develop and implement a statewide comprehensive "goal-based" water conservation program; and encourage water conservation efforts, while allocating state resources made available through Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund of DEP. MONITOR proposed legislation on water reservations, continue evaluating the process of developing such reservations and assess the potential impacts to the County.

Water Management Districts - SUPPORT legislative and administrative action strengthening of partnerships between WMDs and local or regional water utilities to resolve issues with rules and/or policies that have significant impact; and ensure consistent interpretation and application of rules, policies and criteria across WMDs, specifically in the areas of: Consumptive Use Permits; Alternative Water Supply Funding; Water Shortages; Water Conservation; and Water Reservation.

Fire Hydrants – OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local control and any unfunded mandate requiring internal check-valve devices for fire hydrants

State Revolving Loan Funds – SUPPORT continued funding for the State Revolving Fund providing low interest loans for eligible water and waste water system projects.

Aquifer Storage and Recovery – SUPPORT legislative and administrative action to protect the County's existing and future investments in the development of Aquifer Storage and Recovery Facilities from adverse impacts.

Florida Area Costal Environment (FACE) Initiative – SUPPORT legislative and administrative action requesting DEP to seek federal funds to support the FACE initiative and support DEP in its administration of the FACE Program.

Septic Tank Legislation - OPPOSE legislation that would preempt local control and that would place fiduciary burden on the utility to conduct any planning, studies, or reports that are outside of the normal facility expansion requirements.

Administrative Fines – SUPPORT legislation which would provide for greater flexibility by DEP in determining if administrative fines are to be assessed, while giving deference to the general operations of public utilities.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY 2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

(listed alphabetically by department, then prioritized)

AVIATION

Runway Extension at Tamiami - \$1 million

SUPPORT a \$1 million funding request for the extension of the runway at the Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport.

Strategic Airport Master Plan - \$2 million

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request to provide strategic airport master planning for the County's system of five public-use airports (Miami International Airport, Opa-Locka Executive Airport, Homestead General Aviation Airport, Kendall-Tamiami Executive Airport, and Dade-Collier Training and Transition Airport).

Airfield Capacity - \$2.3 million

SUPPORT a \$2.3 million or 50% of the non-federal share funding request to enable MIA to meet airfield capacity requirements for projected activity levels and reduce operating delay costs within the State and the network of national airports.

Foreign Object Debris Detection System - \$2 million

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for the installation of an automatic Foreign Object Debris (FOD) detection system to automatically and continuously scan the airfield to detect common runway FOD such as metal objects, glass, plastic, cardboard, birds and wildlife.

Runway 27 Threshold Relocation - \$275,000

SUPPORT a \$275,000 funding request for the relocation of the existing Runway 27 threshold eastward of its existing location to facilitate efficient aircraft movements into and out of the South Terminal Area.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

Information Collection Point - \$2 million

SUPPORT a \$2 million funding request for an Information Collection Point (ICP) that will facilitate communication between various public safety agencies (35 cities and the County) and the state warning point on major incidents as they occur.

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C-103 Canal Retrofit - \$850,000

SUPPORT an \$850,000 funding request for the retrofitting existing pipes connecting the roadway drainage to the C-103 Canal to reduce the amount of pollutants carried by urban stormwater discharging to the C-103 Canal, which eventually discharges to Biscayne Bay.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM

Jay Malina Trade Missions - \$100,000

SUPPORT a \$100,000 funding request for the Jay Malina International Trade Missions to conduct ITC-led business development missions, attract additional business participation on ITC missions, conduct research on trade, and conduct seminars and workshops expanding trade.

JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM (JHS)

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PARK AND RECREATION

Trail Glades Range - \$6 million

SUPPORT a \$6 million request for Trail Glades Range for increased shooting and larger range targets for improved marksmanship for state and local law enforcement and area residents.

MetroZoo Amazon and Beyond - \$3.5 million

SUPPORT a \$3.5 million request for Amazon and Beyond at the MetroZoo for the largest exhibit on tropical American flora and fauna in the U.S., and possibly the world, which will focus on biodiversity that is incredibly threatened.

PUBLIC WORKS

Communications Subsystem Conversion Project - \$5 million

SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for a Communication Subsystem Conversion Project for the Advanced Traffic Management System to replace the traffic signal control system in Miami-Dade County with a new communication subsystem based on a hybrid wireless and fiber-optic technologies.

Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Conversion - \$3.5 million

SUPPORT a \$3.5 million funding request for a Traffic Signal Control Cabinet Conversion Project to replace the traffic signal control cabinets to improve the flow of traffic on the part of the state highway system that is in Miami-Dade County.

Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement - \$157 million

SUPPORT a \$157 million funding request for the structural rehabilitation of the 95 existing Sonovoid Slab bridges and the replacement of 12 Venetian Causeway bridges, the Tamiami Canal Historic Swing Bridge, and the Old William Powell Bridge in Miami-Dade County to avoid potential localized failure of bridge components which could endanger public safety.

TRANSIT

Orange Line Phase 2 North Corridor Metrorail Extension - \$25 million

SUPPORT a \$25 million funding for the Orange Line Phase 2 North Corridor Metrorail Extension for a 9.5-mile heavy rail project that would run along 27th Avenue.

Orange Line Phase 3 East West MetroRail Extension - \$5 million

SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for the Orange Line Phase 3 East-West Metrorail Extension for a 10.1 mile heavy rail project that will connect Florida International University to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) adjacent to Miami International Airport.

Transit Security System - \$2.5 million

SUPPORT a \$5 million funding request for a Transit Security System to install security and surveillance systems throughout the County's transit properties and vehicles.

Pedestrian Overpasses on US-1 - \$2 million

SUPPORT an \$8 million funding request for construction of four additional pedestrian overpasses over US-1 at the 27th Avenue, South Miami, University and Dadeland South Metrorail Stations.

Bus Procurement Plan - \$6 million

SUPPORT a \$6 million funding request for the purchase of new and technologically more advanced buses, which will increase the reliability of bus service, reduce emissions, and relieve traffic congestion by reducing the number of cars on the road.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Beneficial Use of Waste-to-Energy Ash - \$250,000

SUPPORT a \$250,000 funding request for a research project to make beneficial use of ash produced by Miami-Dade County's Waste to Energy plant.



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BCC RESOLUTIONS
(listed numerically with sponsors)

R-466-07 Underground Utility Facilities (Martinez, Diaz, Gimenez, Sorenson, Sosa, Souto, Barreiro, Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO FACILITATE THE EXPEDITIOUS CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGING FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REFLECT BENEFITS OF CONVERSION IN UTILITY TARIFFS

R-467-07 Ethics Commission Complaint (Sosa) RESOLUTION URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS TO AMEND ITS RULES TO REQUIRE COMMISSION ON ETHICS TO DISMISS ANY COMPLAINT WHERE THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION HAS DISPOSED OF A PARALLEL COMPLAINT FILED BY THE SAME PARTY AND ARISING OUT OF A COMMON SET OF FACTS

R-469-07 Florida Forever Program (Barreiro, Sorenson) RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DOUBLE THE BONDING AUTHORITY FOR THE FLORIDA FOREVER PROGRAM FOR THE 2007-08 FISCAL YEAR AND FUND A SUCCESSOR PROGRAM THAT PRESERVES LAND THAT CONTINUES TO BUILD ON THE SUCCESS OF FLORIDA FOREVER WHEN FLORIDA FOREVER SUNSETS IN 2010

R-470-07 Voluntary Pre-K (Sosa, Gimenez, Martinez, Rolle, Jordan) RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR FLORIDA'S VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

R-471-07 Preemption of Wetland Regulation (Sorenson, Diaz, Gimenez, Sosa) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATION OF WETLANDS

R-472-07 Preemption of Limerock Mining (Diaz) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATION OF LIMEROCK MINING

R-481-07 ALF Vital Medical Information (Sosa) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION REQUIRING ALL ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES TO HAVE A STANDARDIZED TRANSFER FORM OF VITAL MEDICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

R-482-07 Elder Abuse or Neglect (Sosa) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS THE IDENTITIES OF PEOPLE WHO REPORT ELDER ABUSE OR NEGLECT

R-483-07 Bishop Curry Blvd. (Rolle) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE NW 135TH STREET FROM NW 7TH AVENUE TO NW 27TH AVENUE AS BISHOP VICTOR TYRONE CURRY BOULEVARD

R-632-07 Temporary Reduction in State Motor Fuel Taxes (Martinez, Souto) RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR OR SENATE PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER TO EXPAND THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12, 2007 TO INCLUDE A TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN STATE MOTOR FUEL TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS PROVIDED SUCH LEGISLATION ENSURES THAT THE REDUCTION PASSES THROUGH TO CONSUMERS; FURTHER URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE GASOLINE PRICING IN FLORIDA, AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA ON THE PROBLEM OF CONTINUING INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF GASOLINE AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

R-638-07 Property Tax Solution (Moss) RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE MIAMI-DADE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO CRAFT A PROPERTY TAX SOLUTION THAT PROVIDES MEANINGFUL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF WITHOUT UNDULY IMPACTING COUNTY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

R-680-07 Investigate High Gas Prices (Moss, Jordan) RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNOR, FLORIDA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIGH GASOLINE PRICES

R-1006-07 Father Emilio Vallina Avenue (Barreiro, Sosa, Souto) RESOLUTION URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE WEST FLAGLER STREET FROM 13 AVENUE TO 14 AVENUE AS FATHER EMILIO VALLINA AVENUE

R-1035-07 FIU Medical School (Martinez) RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO ELIMINATE \$10.2 MILLION FROM THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL SCHOOLS AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA DURING THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION

R-1110-07 Insurance Discount for CO2 Detectors (Martinez, Diaz, Sosa, Sorenson, Souto) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION, AND THE CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING HOMEOWNERS DISCOUNTS ON THEIR PROPERTY INSURANCE IF THEY INSTALL CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

R-1111-07 Crane Safety (Edmonson) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION REGULATING CRANE OPERATIONS AND SAFETY THAT INCLUDES THE SAME LEVEL OF CRANE SAFETY THAT IS FOUND IN THE PROPOSED MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ORDINANCE

R-1175-07 Unpaid Bed Taxes from Internet Hotel Room Rentals (Martinez) RESOLUTION OPPOSING FEDERAL OR STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM SUING FIRMS THAT RENT HOTEL ROOMS OVER THE INTERNET TO RECOVER UNPAID BED TAXES; URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE NOT TO PASS SUCH LEGISLATION

R-1245-07 Dog Fighting (Sosa, Diaz, Heyman, Rolle, Moss) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES AND FINES FOR DOG AND OTHER ANIMAL FIGHTING

R-11246-07 Assault Weapons Ban (Jordan, Edmonson, Gimenez, Heyman, Rolle, Sorenson, Moss) RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO REINSTATE THE FEDERAL ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO IMPOSE A STATE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; AND ALTERNATIVELY URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO LIFT THE PREEMPTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' REGULATING ASSAULT WEAPONS IN FLORIDA AND ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPOSE AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

R-1248-07 Unmanned Cameras at Intersection (Martinez, Diaz, Gimenez, Heyman, Sosa, Souto, Moss) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW THE USE OF UNMANNED CAMERAS AT INTERSECTIONS WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE RED-LIGHT RUNNING

R-1249-07 Licensing of Tour Guides (Barreiro, Heyman) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GREATER MIAMI CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU IN URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION ALLOWING FOR LOCAL LICENSING OF TOUR GUIDES

R-1264-07 Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler Avenue (Edmonson) RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE NW 7TH AVENUE FROM NW 35TH STREET TO 79TH STREET AS DR. BARBARA CAREY-SHULER AVENUE

R-1370-07 Robert B. Ingram Blvd. (Jordan, Sosa, Edmonson, Moss, Souto) RESOLUTION
URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO DESIGNATE OPA-LOCKA
BOULEVARD/N.W. 135TH STREET FROM N.W. 7TH AVENUE TO N.W. 47TH AVENUE
AS THE "HONORABLE ROBERT B. INGRAM, PH.D. BOULEVARD"; APPROVING SUCH
DESIGNATION; AND URGING THE CITY OF OPA-LOCKA TO APPROVE SUCH
DESIGNATION



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BCC NON-RESOLUTION REQUESTS
(listed in chronological order)

Non-Agenda Item 073091 from BCC Meeting of October 16, 2007

- **Hialeah Race Track** (moved by Commissioner Seijas) - SUPPPORT the efforts of City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina and the Hialeah Council members to restore racing dates to Hialeah Race Track.
- **Local Governments and Property Tax Reforms** (moved by Commissioner Sosa) - Urge the State Legislature to meet with local governments to discuss possible tax reforms that would benefit the public.
- **Taxation and Budget Reform Commission** (moved by Commissioner Sorenson) - Urge the Sate Legislature to consider the results of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission before making any further funding/tax adjustments.



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Deleted: [revise and delete from Critical Appropriations list, but keep in package]

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Added new section:

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Deleted:

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DERM

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Deleted:

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From: Joe I. Rasco 
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Subject: Proposed 2008 State Legislative Package

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Supplement

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2A

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Date: December 11, 2007

Supplement No. 2

B&F

Agenda Item No. 1(E)

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members,
Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Burgess", written over the printed name of the County Manager.

Subject: Proposed Amendments to 2008 State Legislative Package

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